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1. DECEMBER 9 DENNIS SMALL, IPS/NEW YORK, INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT CONTRARY TO EARLIER INFO, VASQUEZ, IPS/LIMA, HAD NOT YET BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE COURT. HE WAS NOW IN CALLAO JAIL "UNDER TEMPORARY DETENTION". REPORTEDLY WILL APPEAR BEFORE SECOND MILITARY COURT ON CHARGE OF "ALTRAJE DE LOS SIMBOLOS NACIONALES Y DE LA INSTITUCION DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS". LAWYER HAS BEEN ENGAGED - ONE LEON TATAJE.

2. SMALL ALSO REPORTED THAT PERUVIAN CONSUL NEW YORK, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, IS ADVISING THAT VASQUEZ HAD BEEN TRIED AND FOUND GUILTY OF BURNING THE PERUVIAN FLAG.

3. (IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFF, ALFREDO RAMOS, DCM, PERUVIAN EMBASSY/WASHINGTON, COULD NOT CONFIRM FINDING OF GUILT BUT DID INDICATE THAT CHARGE WAS AS STATED

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AND FURTHERMORE WAS AGAINST VASQUEZ AS INDIVIDUAL, NOT AS

REPRESENTATIVE OF IPS. RAMOS EXPLAINED THAT IPS OFFICE/LIMA HAD BEEN CLOSED BECAUSE OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY BUT COULD NOT CLARIFY WHETHER THIS FINDING HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO

IPS/NEW YORK IN RESPONSE TO THEIR INQUIRIES. ALSO COULD NOT STATE THAT IPS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO TERMINATE ITS OPERATIONS IN PERU. HAD NO INFORMATION ON PRECISE LEGAL STATUS OF IPS/LIMA OTHER THAN THAT OFFICE HAD BEEN CLOSED.)

4. REFERRING TO IPS "TOTAL MOBILIZATION" AGAINST GOP, SMALL REPORTED THAT ON DECEMBER 7 DEMONSTRATION HELD IN MEXICO CITY BEFORE PERUVIAN EMBASSY, PROTESTING DETENTION OF VASQUEZ AND CLOSURE OF IPS OFFICE. HAD BEEN ORGANIZED BY "FRATERNAL POLITICAL PARTY" IN MEXICO AND MADE MEXICO CITY DAILY EXCELSIOR DECEMBER 8. BARRAGE OF PHONE CALLS AND POSSIBLY DEMONSTRATIONS MAY BE MOUNTED AGAINST OTHER PERUVIAN MISSIONS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE, SMALL ADDED.

5. MEANWHILE, GRECHIN SMALL HAD ISSUED LONG STATEMENT ON HER ARREST AND CLOSURE OF OFFICE. DENNIS SMALL SAID PUBLICITY HAD BEEN GAINED THROUGH A RADIO STATION IN NEW YORK CITY. CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE IN ORDER TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF WORLD "POLITICAL REPRESSION" AGAINST IPS IN PERU.

6. MR. AND MRS. SMALL ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR WASHINGTON. HAVE ALREADY HAD TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH DCM.
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